## WOMAN ADJUDGED INSANE

Mary Ball Renner, a Former Belle, Committed to St. Elizabeth's.

Discovered June Last Living to Squalor and Sectorion With Her Mother-Life of a Once Social Queen Blighted by Early Romance

at H2 Fourth Street northwest, was yes-terday committed to St. Einzab the Hor-pital for the Insane, as the result of the investigation of her sanity by a marsha's fury. She is forty-two years old, and is said to belong to a famous old Virginia family. The house in which she lived is a three-story brick building, where, in June last. Miss Renner was discovered in a most pitiable condition. She was immediately sent to St. Elizabeth's Hospini for the District of Columbia. the Insane for treatment, and has re-

Twenty-five years ago Miss Renner is said in have been a society belle, and had numerous admirers. When found or June 18 last, however, she was living smid most revolting conditions. She was sur-rounded by fifth and dirt, and with scarce-ly any clothing. She was attended by her mother, Mrs. Cernella Hall Austin, who is about ninety years of age.

It was stated at the investigation yes terday that Miss Renner has an interest in real estate valued at \$7,00, which is encumbered to the amount of \$800.

It is stated by neighbors that the Ren-ners moved into premises ULT Fourth Street about nine years ago. The property was left to her and her haether, William B. Renner, by their father, Samuel Renner. Prior to moving from their former home, 234 Four-and-a-haif Street northwest, Mrs. Renner, already past the northwest, Mrs. Renner, already past the prime of life, had married a second time. V. Gage Austin was her husband. Together with mother and children came Lally Renner and Nannine Renner, her lasters, aumis of the children, who appear to have lived in seclusion for years. Mystery howeved over the home of the family, to which none gained admittance, except Theophilus F. Mills, a son of the late Clark Mills, who made his home with the Renners.

Steps to abute what neighbors claim was a numance led on June 18 last to the was a nuisance led on June is last to the discovery of horrible conditions. An inspector of the Health Department called at the house shortly after noon that he might investigate a complaint as to the house and its occupants. The Second precinct police were also there, and an investigation was made. In a front room on the third story was found Mary Renner. She crouched low in a corner, here eyes stared vacantly, and she said nothing. Not a shawl even covered her emaclated form, which for years nad been wasting away under strain of illness and surroundings of the worst kind. She beheld the intruders, the Health Office officials and the police without emution, while her mother, ninety-one years of age, stood tottering beside her. The room was a hole of fith, breeding disease and death.

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The ophilus F. Mills, who said he is a sculptor, was appealed to by the police for information of the woman, her condition, and friends. Mills said he had lived with the family for years, he had advised removal of Mary Renner to an institution, but had met with refusal from the family.

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The ambulance was summoned, while the Health Department made preparations to clean and distincet the premises. Years had clapsed since the house had been cleaned. Within the odor was sickening. Preparations to remove the woman from the house were hurriedly completed by Sergeant Sprinkle, although objection was met with on the part of Mrs. Austin. Efforts to explain the matter to the aged mother brought about a reconciliation in some measure, and she assented finally to the change.

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'a. o. As the police entered the young the outhout in the same posture as when first likeovered. Over the floor of the room was a heavy conting of dirt; in one corner a rickety bed, the covering of which was recking with filth; in another corner a chair, and a few old, musty pictures hanging on the walls. Mrs. Austin preceded the police into the room. She tottered to the side of her daughter. The shawl and then the blanket were thrown about the emaciated form, and Policemen Smith and Tompkins carried the woman downstairs out to the street. She was placed in the ambulance and tuken to the asylum.

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There are those who say that Mary Rener fell in love while yet young, only to meet bitter disappointment. It is said that mind and body alike began to give way under this strain; that insanity resulted, and that for tweoty-five years she has lived the life of a recluse.

Nobody has yet explained what has become of a man who harked at passersity from windows of the dwelling occupied by

from windows of the dwelling occupied by the Renners as late as a few months ago. Miss Mary Foley, whose home adjoins that of the Renners on the north, says she has seen this being, whose identity and whereabouts are allke unknown. Miss Foley says positively she saw the man at a window of the Renner home. Mrs. Jenkins, living at 112s Fourth Street with the house of mystory, has corroborated this statement.

To a reporter Theophilius Mills, who is about sixty-five years ald, said bis 116. The dead in this city on the received and knowledge, resident relatives in Brooklyn. On October 1 last she telegraphed her husbout sixty-five years ald, said bis 116.

base of mystery, has corroborated this statement.

To a reporter Theophilus Milia, who is about sixty-five years old, said his life had been in danger, because he once suggested the removal of Mary Renner to an asylum. Not alone Mrs. Austin, mother of the woman, but Lully and Naming Renner, as well, according to Milia, were determined to keep the unfortunate woman with them.

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#### National Junior Republic.

A meeting of the Board of the Woman League of the National Junior Republic was held yesterday at the residence of the president, Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks There was a good attendance, and much interest was shown. A mass meeting will be held soon, and efforts made to raise-money for the needs of the Juniors, who are really making substantial progress in their efforts to be self-supporting.

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Cor. 7th and D Sts. ONE BLOCK FROM PA. AVE. THE ESTATE IN LITIGATION.

Daughter of Senator McPherson Objects to Her Mother's Will. Nearly the entire session of the Proale Court was taken up yesterday it scaring arguments in connection with th efficient of the estate of the late Scient John R. Merherson, of New Je The nutter came up on an applica a fer the respection of the letters of lection, besief to the American S

The application to reveke those let in was made to behalf of Agre 5 Daldwin, who was named as executo by the will of Mrs. McPherson. This will buts off Mrs. Fidia J. Muir, the sole sur-lying child of Senutor and Mrs. McPheron, with but a life interest in the estab which is valued at over \$750,000, and the probating of the will and issuing of let-ters testumentary to Mr. Baldwin is be-Pending the disposition of the contest

letters of collection were issued by the Probate Court of this District to the American Security and Triest Company authorizing it to collect and hold all the personal property of Mrs. McPherson in this District. The application to revoke such letters of collection was resisted by Mrs. Mair, who alleged that the will numing Mr. Baldwin an executor was not the true last will and testament of her mother, Mrs. McPherson, such will having hern made by Mrs. McPherson but three days before her death and while upon ner deathhed, so weakened by disease as not to know or understand the full innort of the naper which was submitted to her for signature, and that Mrs. McPherson's signature thereto was procured by undue and improper influence.

At the hearing this morning Mr. Baldwin was present and was represented by Hamilton.

#### FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

Owners of the Bond Building Sued for \$25,000 Damages.

Charles H. Bond and Charles H. Davidon, the owners of the Bond Building, at York Avenue northwest, were yesterday made defendants in a suit filed by Frank Gingell, who claims \$25,000 as damages for personal injuries. He was, he declares crushed by the elevator in the west end of the building, through the negligence of the operator, and his jaw bone broken his hearing permanently affected, and his

brain\_shocked. plaintiff was employed in placing certain corrugated from over and above the shaft of the west elevator in the building. He was obliged, Gingell states, to go to the certain tool, and, he declares, he notified

ulance was summened, while in Department made prepara. crushed by a large iron weight attached

to the elevator.

As a result, Gingell declares he suffered As a result, Gingell declares he suffered a serious blow upon his head and is severely and permanently injured; that his nervous system has been disarranged and his healt received a shock which caused permanent injury. He also states that his jawbone was broken in four different places and that because of injuries to his left car, his hearing is permanently injured. Because of the injury to his jaw Gingell states he is unable to close his mouth, which causes permanent impairment to his articulation.

since refused to contribute to her sup-

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOTES. Charges of False Pretences Made by Walter M. Magruder.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Oct. 5.-Walter M. Magrader, wood and coal dealer, of this place, swore out a warrant before Justice John B. Brewer today for the arrest of progress George Selby, on a charge of obtaining orting.

money under labe pretences. It is alleged that Mr. Magruder delivered a load f wood to one of his customers, and that Selby, seeing him do so, immediately went to the house of the customer and collected the money. Selby has not been

and Miss Ciara 1. Bean, both of this town s announced to take place here on Wed-nesday, October 5.

Dr. and Mrs. David Dwyer, of Unity. this county, have announced the mar-riage of their daughter, Miss Maynard Dwyer, to Walter Lanning, of Washing-ton, D. C., to take place at high uoon on

### FRAUD ORDER ON THOUGHT

A Carious Problem for the Post office Authorities.

Mental Science the Scheme Advertised to Cure Poverty and All Diseases-Promoter Kept Busy Taking Money From Letters Sent in Reply.

mendation of the American Attorney or cral for the Postoffice Department, issue fraud orders yesterday against Mrs. Hel on Wilmans and Helen Wilmans at Sea breeze, Fla. 11 was alleged that Mrs. offered to cure diseases of all kinds an poverty by means of a railed ments science, which was described in a pair phlet denominated "Instructions to supers sent through the mails, of adver-bements stating that cures of all kinds an be effected by the thought of MIE.

These advertisements, it is said, were in the form of stinted letters purporting to be from persons who had taken the treatment, writing explaining the character of work supposed to plished, and other statements. It is stated in these articles that poverty and all dis-cases can be successfully treated. To pervertisements was sent a circular entitled

"In answer to your request I will say that my terms for closent treatment are \$3 per week, paid weekly in advance, or This, however, I do say most emphatical tient will hold to this thought long enough o give it a chance to work, and as a rule his is not very four. I cannot commente he various diseases I have treated, but clieve my experience, which covers a pure of ten years, will take in the entire

If the patron remitted the amount call-ed for, he was sent a pamphlet entitled "Instructions to Patients," which, among

Drop all carse, worries anxieties, fears, and apprehendous, and just rest, absolutely rest, in the feeling that my strength will enter and sustain bon. In this attitude of relaxation, in this tensionless condition, my strong, purposeful, vital will-force will enter and flow through you as the breezes weep through the trees, carrying away all diseased conditions. Say to yourself. I have no more to do for myself. Helen Williams has if all to do for me, and i will not interfere. I will just rest and hugh and play and be free from responsibility. Rest assure that it shall treat you with great power and faithfulness.

It was brought to light in the investigation carried on by the Assistant Attorney General that no such thoughts or relations as described by Helen Wilmans when soliciting money were given her patients but that she simuly collected when soliciting money were given hat patients, but that she simply collected the SI per week, or the SIP per month from each of them as long as they saw fit to send her the money. The evidence before the Postoffice De-partment showed that during a long meriod while a target by the range of

The evidence before the Postoffice Department showed that during a long period, while a person by the name of Dayton was acting as Mrs. Wilmans chief clerk, Mrs. Wilmans opened the mail coming to her address and simply took out the money, and, without carefully reading any such mail, and without examining any part of it in any way, further than to extract the money, the same was handed to the chief clerk to answer with certain stereotyped letters to fit the different enquiries. These letters, it was shown, were mailled to the patients without being reviewed or seen by Mrs. Wilmans, and that on some occasions, when Mrs. Wilmans was absent from home, the letters were opened and answered in the same manner as when Mrs. Wilmans was present. Evidence was offered by the defence that the methods in vogue at the time the Daytons were in her omploy had been changed, and that Mrs. Wilmans not only opened the mail at the present time, but also reviewed the letters which were sent to patients.

#### DETECTIVE WAIVES REWARD. His Prisoner's Wife Needs the Money

More Than He, He Says, Precinct Detective Charles A. Evans. the Second precinct, has forwarded to Major Sylvester a request that is the subject of much favorable comment at Police

Headquarters. On Thursday the officer arrested Willlinm Troutman as a deserter from the United States Marine Corps, for whom a United States Marine Corps, for whom a reward of \$20 had been offered, as is customary in such coses. The money has not yet reached Major Sylvester, through whose hands all rewards have to pase but yesterday Major Sylvester received a letter from Detective Evans. In it the officer states that he has learned that Troutman's wife is in a delicate condition and that she is destitute and without proper means of support.

The detective waives all claim to the \$20 reward and asks that the money he turned over to Mrs. Troutman for her use. Major Sylvester has the matter under advisement.

#### Three Centenarians:

Three Men Whose Aggregate Age Is 374 Years-An Average of Nearly

The oldest person in the United States is Abraham E. Elmer, of 32 Trany St., Utica, N. Y., who on Jan 36th last celebrated his lifth birthday anniversary. The date of his lifth is a matter of record. In reply to many leading dectors and scientific men who have recently visited Mr. Elmer to see if there was anything anusual about him to eause him to five so many years beyond the allotted time, Mr. Elmer always replies that his only medicine for over a score of years has been and is Duffy's Pare Matt Whiskey He says it keeps up his vitality. He had a touch of grip recently, but a few does of Inffy's Pure Matt Whiskey drove out the germs, and he is now fully receivered.

ton, D. C., to take place at high noon on October 15, at Mount Carmel M. P. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Bowman have sold their farm of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. to George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. to George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. to George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. to George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. to George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. To George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. To George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. To George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. To George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres of land at Carmer, of Washington, B. C., a tracet of six and three-quarters acres of land at Carmer, and the sends this located in Barnesville district. To George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. To George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. To George W. Cubitt for the sum of 17s acres, located in Barnesville district. To George W. Cubitt for the Sum of 17s acres of land at the home of Miss Book, ers. mether, Mrs. Pranklin, Bouker, at 21s West 17sth Street, New York Chy. on October 18th Mrs. Pranklin Bouker, at 21s West 17sth Street, New York Chy. on Interest many system, stimulation my system, and he is now fully the second as the properties. The sum of the sum of 17s acres of six and three sum of 17s acres of land at the form of Miss Book, ers. mether, Mrs. Pranklin Bouker, at 21s West 17sth Street, New York Chy. on the Mrs. N. J., who resides at the Park House of the New York Chy. on the second son of Cooke 12 Luckett. Of this town and case of 17s acres of land. This is the best crop so far reported.

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#### A M'KINLEY MEMORIAL ARCH. Meeting to Advocate its Erection

Called for Next Wednesday. A movement in this city the The

regrees. The details are in charge of all fational Memorial Bridge Association castering the president of that association for Robert E. Doan, Issued a slotter the public stating that a moving a be associated would be held derote to advocate the proposed evection of arch in connection with the Memoria

nis, including John Joy Edson, Presi of of the Washington Board of Trade mel W. Stone, Department Commande eration: Mitchell Dyrenforth, Passiden ornation: Michael Providers, President of the Pasiness Men's Association, Henry I. F. Marfariund, President of the Beard of Commission is of the District of Combia, and Commissioners John W. Res-

ond Lansing H. Beach.

The netice of the meeting sent our by President Down is as follows:

President Dean is as follows:

To the Public:

"Whereas the very patriotic suggestion that an appropriate memorial be erected at the National Capital to the memory of our beloved and late departed President. William McKinley, such memorial to be closely associated with the proposed national accessorial bridge, is meeting with prompt and universal favor all over our land, and to the end that this scatiment can be properly crystallized and action taken looking to a successful culmination, the National Memorial Bridge Association earnestly invites all who are interested in this patriotic movement to attend a public meeting to be held in the Masonic Temple on Wednesday evening. October 3, at 5,0 clock, when the proposition will be ably presented and a National Memorial Arch Association formed thus assuring the erection of the magnificent and appropriate memorial suggested.

This call is signed by Robert E. Doan, President of the National Memorial Bridge Association.

it:

"We heartily concur in the foregoing invitation and urgs the attendance of the members of our respective organizations." JOHN JOY EDSON.

"President Washington Board of Trade.

"MITCHELL DYREN-PORTH,

"President Business Men's Association.

"ISRAEL W. STONE.
"Department Commander, G. A. R. Department Commander, G. A.

"ReHN T. CALLAGHAN
Commander Confederate Veterans" A

clation."
"We approve the proposed meeting."
"HENRY B. F. MACFARLAND."
"President."

"JOHN W. ROSS." LANSING H. BEACH, ministeners of the District of Co-imbia."

At the meeting on October 3 at the Ma-sonic Temple, all matters pertaining to the erection of the arch will be discussed. Letters will be sent shortly to all Gov-ernors of States asking that they accept positions in the proposed Memorial Arch Association, the officers of which, it is desired, will consist as far as practicable, of citizens of national prominence. It is thought that between \$1.00,000 and \$2.00,000 will be secured for the proposed under-taking. It has been decided that promi-nent native and foreign artists will be asked to send designs for the proposed arch.

irch.
The Government is the owner of a large The Government is the owner of a large reservation at the eastern approach to the memorial bridge and the association will endeavor to have the Mckinley arch creeted in this park, directly at the proposed approach to the bridge at the eastern entrance. As the memorial bridge will be a gift from the Government, the arch is to be considered a like tribute from the people. Within a short time a cummittee of five will be appointed for the purpose of considering the designs submitted to the association by the various artists.

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The meeting Wednesday night will be a most important one. Among those present will be many high officials of the Government, who will during the evening ver addresses advocating the crection

CHARGE OF FALSE PRETENCES Charles T. Hunter, When Arrested

Claims a Misunderstanding. Charles T. Hunter, twenty-five years of age, who keeps a bicycle repair shop mear First Street and Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, was arrested yesterday after-noon by Detectives Miller and Peck, on a charge of false pretences preferred by William G. Griffin. The prisoner is lodged at the First precinct station to await a hearing.

According to Griffin, whose complaint an investigation, and who swore out warrant for the prisoner. Hunter agreed to sell the complainant part of his busi-ness for the sum of \$500. It was agreed, Oriffin states, that such sule should place the latter in possession of the business, and alleged breach of faith in this parf the presecution.

On payment of the sum mentioned, friffin claims he learned that other parties than Hunter had an interest in business. There being no satisfacry explanation of this, according to iffin, he made complaint to the police nd got a warrant for Hunter. The latter one wise admits the charge against him, ut says his arrest results from a mis-nderstanding, and will be properly ad-

#### SUIT TO ANNUL MARRIAGE.

The Basis of the Proceedings With held From Publicity.

Proceedings were instituted yesterday the Equity Division of the Supreme against Pauline Bernstein "to annul marlage." The papers in the case were slaced in the safe of the Clerk of the upreme Court of the District by order f the court and the basis of the action onot known. The defendant, it is said, in non-resident. Burton H. Loncks is amed as counsel for the complainant.

## **Factory Sale** "Sample" and Used Pianos.

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\$350 Upright, \$225.

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Steinway Piano, \$175. TERMS: 15 MONTHLY,
the full-size Steinway Square
to preferred by many to the Steinlightly Excellent fone and acBenutiful resewood case, earted
and fine high polish. Probably
1569 when new.

Square Piano, \$25. TERMS: H WEEKLY. cond-hand Square Plane; re-case, I octaves; good ma-id investment for a beginner.

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### \$0.50 for Suits Actually worth \$15.

In this lot are to be found suits of Venetians. Broadcioths, and Pebble Cheviots in Eton, single, and double-breasted effects; some of them are pain tailor-made and some are claborately triumed with taifets silk on both the skirts and jackets; skirts have the new graduated flounce; you have the choice of blacks, bluer, tans, casters, at \$5.50. You cannot duplicate them elsewhere for less than \$15.

# \$12.98 for Suits Actually worth \$20.

The finest suits to be had ready to wear are in this lot, embracing fine quality broadcloths, Pebble Cheviots, Venetians, &c.; in Eton and blouse effects; some trimmed with taffetn slik on skirt and jacket; some with girdles; some single and some double-breasted effects; in black, blue, and all stylish colors. It is a treat to be able to buy these for \$12.25; \$29 elsewhere.

## \$5 walking skirts, \$2.98.

In with the above purchase came one hundred and fifty Women's Walking Skirts; made of a fine quality all-wool melton cloth, in black, blue, and oxford grey. These skirts, though regular \$5 values, will be sold for \$2.98, and they should go in a hurry. They have 15 rows of stitching at the bottom, and are strap trimmed and have welt seams; they are full wide and are

in every length and all sizes, from 38 to 42. \$1.50, \$2, and \$2.50 peady-to-wear hats for 980

38° for Soft-Crown Mexican Hats. Missen' and Children's Soft-crewn Maximan Felt Hats, in red, blue, cas-tor, grey, and brown, with felt cord trimming, will be offered at 3sc each.

39c for 69c Dressing Sacques and Kimonas. 25 dozen Women's Elderdown Dross-ing Sacques and Kimonas; made in plain colors and finished with contrast-ing colors-light blue, red, &c.; in-stead of @e for 25c.

39c Corsets, 25c.

ot of Women's Jean Corsets; the d fitting seet; well-honed; with apped hips; in white and grey; all s; instead of 5c, for 2c. Flannelette Skirts, 19c.

Ope lot of Women's Flannelette Short Skirts: made with borders; in all colors; extra wide; instead of 2bc, for Bc. Underwear, 25c. One case of heavy Ribbed Vests for women; fleece-lined and silk finished neck with ribbon; pants to match; for

INHALES ILLUMINATING GAS.

The Suicide of a Clerk in the Trens-

nry Department.

Albert Smith, a valued clerk in the office

as found dead in bed yesterday morn

oroner Nevitt, who made an investiga-

on, certified that it was a case of sui

de, and stated that the man had prob

n the office of the Auditor for the Post-

the tragedy occurred. For some time past, it is said, he has been drinking

heavily and of iste has shown signs of mental unrest. Friday night he returned

to the house before dark and retired quite

SERIOUS BOILER EXPLOSION.

An Infant and a Colored Man May

Be Fatally Scalded.

Yesterday afternoon at about 3:30 o'clock

boiler used for steaming oysters in the Georgetown Oyster House, kept by James Stevens, at 1822 M Street northwest, ex-

ploded, scalding and burning several of Mr. Stevens' children and his cook. Some

time ago Stevens purchased a second-hand boiler which, it is believed, had pre-

iously been condemned. The kitchen being in the basement of the house, he set the boiler up there, intending to use it

to steam oysters. In his haste to have it in readiness for the Saturday night trade,

Stevens neglected the precaution of hav-ing the boiler tested. Yesterday after-

noon a fire was kindled under the boller and nearly the whole Stevens family gath-

red about it to watch the experiment. Without a moment's warning the boffer xploded, scattering hot water, steam, and

fire in all directions. John Dove, a colored man employed in the cyster house as a

ceek, was bending over a table directly in front of the boller. He was badly

in front of the boiler. He was badly scaided about the back and head. Helen Stevens, about are year old, was so burned and scalded about the face and bedy that it is thought she will not recover. Violet and Frederick, two other young members of the family, were also badly scaided about the face. The flying from tore oute a large hole in the ceiling and spread deviatation if the room above. An about was turned in and No. 5 congine quickly arrived, but was not called into service. Dove was removed in the pairof to the Georgetown University Hospital, where he received immediate attention. His condition is so serious that he is scarcely expected to live.

Poisoned by Pudding. BLOOMSBERG, Pa., Oct. 5.--As a re-

ult of eating liver pudding, purchased rom a local batcher this week, several

Heaver Vailey families are in a precarious condition. Among those poisoned were the families of israel Naus, William Brech, Davis Runyon, and Lewis Derr. Mr. and Mrs. Berr and their children are the most seriously affected.

the Auditor for the War Department.

48° for 75c Untrimmed Felt Hats and \$1.00

Velvet Hats. Ladles', Misses' and Children's Un-trimmed Felt Hats, of plain and cam-el's hair felt-in black, castor, grey, brown, blue, and red; in ready-to-wear shapes—turbans, toques, short-backs, rolling brims, and flats of all kinds for misses and children; also lot of Women's Velvet-covered Hatz in variety of shapes, including shorthacks in black and few colors—both lots 75c and \$1 values—for 48c.

\$139 Waists, 98c. 50 dezen women's All-wool Flannel Waltts; made with clusters of fine tucks in front and back; made with the long Kangarlo fronts and Bishop sleevest in old rose, green, navy, gar-net, red, old blue, and black; instead of \$1.39, for \$8c.

69c Union Suits, 49c.

Lot of Women's Ribbed Union Suits; Oneita style, in grey and white; glove fitting; the regular sec value, for sec. 87c Tights, 49c.

Lot of Women's Black Ribbed Tights; first black warranted; ribbon finished; instead of Sic. for 19c. 49c Veilings, 25c.

Hat and Face Veiling-plain, dotted, or ring effects-of veivet and chenille-a good assoriment of shades be everywhere, for Fc.

PRESENT LAWS ADEQUATE. The Health Officer Opposes the Proposed Milk Regulation. The Milk Dealers and Producers' Asse slation of Washington recently requested

the Commissioners to promulgate a regu-lation requiring some apparatus to be ing at his residence, 1339 Fourteenth Street northwest. The inhalation of li-luminating gas was the cause of death. installed in every place where milk is sold at retail for thoroughly stirring the milk or cream in the can or vessel in which it is stored for sale. The matter was refer-red to the Health Department for conably been dead twelve or fourteen hours when the body was discovered. sideration, and the Health Officer has re-The deceased was sixty years of age, and was a familiar figure at the Winder "The proposed legislation requires merely that the can or other receptable for

diding, where he was employed. Men- milk be provided with an apparatus for Both Petitioners Allege Abandon tal unrest is given as the reason for the rash act. The suicide is survived by a not require that the milk be stirred. It widow and one son, the latter employed is alleged, however, by those seeking the promulgation of this regulation that the sale of milk below standard is caused Mr. Smith was a native of Alabama but not by the absence of facilities for stir-and been in this city in Government emhad been in this city in Government em-ploy for about eighteen years. He reploy for about eighteen years. He re-sided with his family at the house where the tragedy occurred. For some time partment is unable to see that the mere provision of a receptable containing ap-paratus for the stirring of milk would prevent such hurry or such confusion and to the house before dark and retired quite carly. About 7:30 o'clock a colored girl employed in the house detected the oder of escaping gas, but thought nothing of it. Yesterday moraing Smith failed to come down to breakfast and on going upstairs the servant was almost overpowered by the gas fumes which was escaping from the back room on the second floor. The servant called for help and the door, which was locked, was broken open. Smith lay across the bed with all doors and windows tightly closed. Two gas lurners were turned full on.

In Lewis was called, but the man had been dead for some hours.

Coroner Nevitt was telephoned for, and after an investigation gave a certificate of death by suicide. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mr. Smith was horn in 1841 in Alabama, and was appointed a \$1,20c clerk in the Treasury Department April 18, 188. In 189 in 1898.

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"A law requiring milk to be stirred before sale would apparently come nearer to accomplishing the ends desired by the writers than the law as proposed by them. I do not believe, however, that such a law is necessary, if the dairyman, through failure to stir his milk, sells an plainant.

25 pairs of Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 yards long, in assortment of lovely patterns; regular \$1.50 values, for \$1.15

300 lace curtain ends-2 and

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curtains, which were used as sample pieces by the maker-

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high as \$3 a pair; exceedingly

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\$1.49 pair. Window Shades, 19c.

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Window Shades, 25c.

Lot of Opaque Window Shades; in all colors: made with deep fringe and complete with fixtures; instead of 38c, for 28c.

\$2.60 Blankets, \$1.49.

II-quarter Wool Blankets, the extra heavy sort, with deep horders of sev-eral colors, with taped edges; instead of \$2, for \$1.0. \$1.39 Comforts, 98c.

Lot of fine Silkatine-covered Com-forts; in light and dark colors; white cotton filled; II-quarter size; instead of \$1.30, for Sec.

Stair Oilcloth, 5c. 100 pieces of Stair Oficioth; in all colors: 18 inches wide; the 10c quality for 5c yard.

Smyrna Rugs, 69c. Lot of Smyrna Rugs, 26 by 18 inches in size; in handsome assortment of styles, for 60c each tomorow.

\$1.39 Rugs, 98c.

Another lot of Smyrna Rugs; 40 by 18 inches wide; and in variety of styles and volors; instead of \$1.39, for 98c. 25c Combs, 10c.

Newport Empire Combs, for the back of the hair and for holding back stray locks; latest style; for 19c, instead of 25c.

Brush Binding, 47c,

article below the stundard he is liable to panishment for such sale. If, through failure to stir his milk, he sells an article above grade, no harm has been done, and there is no sound basis for prosecution.

The injury supposed to be done the wholesale dealer by the retailer of milk below grade through failure to stir the contents of the milk receptacle is, to a certain extent at least, offset by the fact that certain of the citizens buying from such dealers must necessarily receive milk above grade, and the business reputation of the dealer, if affected at all, is thereby enhanced.

"I recommend that the proposed regu-lation be not promulgated, for the reasons set forth above."

TWO SUITS FOR DIVORCE. ment Against the Defendants. Proceedings for divorce were instituted yesterday by Mrs. Emlu against her husband, John S. Burton, on the grounds of desertion and abandonment. The parties were married in 1887, and lived together until 1890, when, Mrs. Burton declares, her husband deserted her and has not since contributed to her sup-port. Since the desertion by her husband she states she has supported herself by working as a penyoman. H. B. Moul-ton is named as counsel for the complain-

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